

**Medford Area Public School District
2019-20
Charter School Authorizer Annual Report**

Authorizer Annual Report Checklist

When completing the Charter School Authorizer Annual Report, verify that:

- All sections of the report are present, and all schedules are completed and attached.
- For school district authorizers, the schedule of authorizer operating costs has been included as a supplement to the school district's annual audited financial statements submitted to DPI.
- The report has been completed at the authorizer level, rather than completed for an individual school.
- Authorizer operating costs have been identified in Section VI. This section should not be left blank.
- The operating costs reported in Section VI reflect **only** the costs the authorizing entity incurred while fulfilling the duties under Wis. Stat. s. 118.40 (3m)(a) to (e) which include:
 - Soliciting and evaluating charter school applications,
 - Considering the principles and standards for quality authorizing established by the National Association of Charter School Authorizers,
 - Giving preference in the awarding of contracts for the operation of charter schools that serve children at risk,
 - Approving high-quality charter schools that meet identified educational needs and promote a diversity of educational choices, and
 - Monitoring the performance and compliance with Wis. Stat. s. 118.40 of each charter school with which it contracts.

The operating costs in this section should **not** reflect the operating costs for the authorized charter school(s).

- The total amounts reported in Section VI and Section VII are not the same. As noted above, Section VI should only include operating costs the authorizing entity incurred while fulfilling the duties under Wis. Stat. 118.40 (3m)(a) to (e); while Section VII should include the costs of services the authorizing entity provided to the charter schools with which it contracts.
- Costs reported in Section VII are only the costs of services provided to the charter school(s). Examples of the types of costs that should be reported in this section include but are not limited to: costs for business office services, costs for food services, curriculum services, professional development services, etc.

For further instructions and requirements related to completing each section of this report see the charter school authorizer annual report technical assistance document at

<http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/charter-schools/information-authorizers>.

SECTION I: AUTHORIZER INFORMATION

Authorizing Entity:	Medford Area Public School District
Authorizer Address:	124 West State Street, Medford, WI 54451
Authorizer Contact Person:	Charles Heckel
Contact Person Title:	Charles Heckel
Contact Person Phone:	888-801-2666 ext. 823
Contact Person Email:	Charles.heckel@ruralvirtual.org

SECTION II: CHARTER SCHOOL INFORMATION

(Add additional lines or attach additional sheets, if necessary.)

Charter Schools Currently Under Contract:			
School Name:	Contract Start Date:	Contract Expiration Date:	Grades Served:
Rural Virtual Academy	July 1, 2020	June 30, 2025	PreK-12

Charter Schools with Non-renewed or Revoked Contract:			
School Name:	Contract Start Date:	Date of Non-renewal or Revocation:	Reason for Non-renewal or Revocation:

Charter Schools Currently Under Contract that have not Opened:		
School Name:	Contract Start Date:	Date School will Open:

Charter Schools that Closed:		
School Name:	Date of School Closure:	Reason for Closure:

SECTION III: ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE OF CHARTER SCHOOLS

Most state standardized testing was suspended due to the COVID pandemic in the 2019-2020 school year. However, prior to the suspension the RVA did conduct ACT testing for its Junior class. Internal data review of the RVA’s 2019-2020 ACT results shows a promising trend. Composite scores show that students who have been in the RVA for two or more years, score higher than students in the overall ACT benchmark.

Additional academic performance data is available for public review on the Department’s website. Academic outcomes achieved on state-mandated standardized tests from the 2018-2019 school year show the RVA as “Meeting Expectations.”

SECTION IV: FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE OF CHARTER SCHOOLS

Prior to the 2019-2020 school year, the RVA had record enrollment growth over several years. Strategically planned in January 2019, a collective decision by the RVA leadership and board was made to purposely suppress growth of the RVA for the 2019-2020 school year. By restricting growth for one year, it would allow staff the needed time to refocus on high quality service and instructional practice. In staying true to this goal, the school hit enrollment caps in early September of 2019 and did not hire additional instructional staff. The lack of adding new staff resulted in stunted enrollment growth for 2019-2020 in comparison to previous years. The RVA's full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollments only grew 19% in 2019-2020 in comparison to over 40% in each of the previous two years.

SECTION V: OTHER CONTRACT TERMS AND EXPECTATIONS (OPTIONAL)

None.

SECTION VI: AUTHORIZER OPERATING COSTS

(Complete and attach audited Schedule of Charter School Authorizer Operating Costs.)

Examples of the types of costs that should be reported in the schedule of authorizer operating costs include but are not limited to: costs incurred by the authorizer to oversee and monitor its charter schools (i.e. salary and fringe for individuals who assume these duties), costs incurred for soliciting, receiving, and reviewing applications for new charter schools (i.e. salary and fringe for individuals who assume these duties which may include administrative staff, business office staff, legal staff, etc.), costs incurred for completing and analyzing charter school data for the purpose of making renewal and revocation

decisions, and any additional costs associated with duties under Wis. Stats. s. 118.40(3m)(a) to (e) above.

Costs that should not be included in the schedule of authorizer operating costs include salary and fringe for the teachers at the charter school, costs of charter school transportation, curriculum services, food service, etc. Only costs associated with the authorizer fulfilling its duties should be reported in this schedule.

SECTION VII: SERVICES PROVIDED TO CHARTER SCHOOLS

(Complete and attach Schedule of Charter School Authorizer Services and Costs.)

Examples of the types of costs that should be reported in the schedule of services and costs include but are not limited to: costs for business office services, costs for food services, curriculum services, professional development services, etc. Costs and types of services may vary depending upon the contractual relationship between the authorizer and the charter school.

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Section VI

SCHEDULE OF CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZER OPERATING COSTS

JUNE 30, 2020

OPERATING ACTIVITY	WUFAR OBJECT CODE	COST
EMPLOYEE SALARIES	100	\$99,990.82
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	200	\$42,170.59
PURCHASED SERVICES	300	0
NON-CAPITAL OBJECTS	400	0
CAPITAL OBJECTS	500	0
INSURANCE & JUDGEMENTS	700	0
OTHER (REPLACE OTHER WITH AN ACTIVITY NAME)	900	0
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TOTAL		\$142,161.41

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SECTION VII

SCHEDULE OF CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZER SERVICES AND COSTS

JUNE 30, 2020

SERVICES PROVIDED	FUNCTION CODE	COST
REGULAR CURRICULUM	120000	\$701,937.05
SPECIAL EDUCATION	150000	\$419,807.44
GUIDANCE SERVICES	213000	\$164,207.83
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	215000	\$33,383.32
CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT	221200	\$3,782,570.60
INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF TRAINING	221300	\$26,021.24
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	230000	\$144,561.41
BUILDING ADMINISTRATION	240000	\$184,397.02
BUSINESS SERVICES	252000	\$23,254.85
GENERAL OPERATIONS	253000	\$1,175.58
INSTRUCTION RELATED TECHNOLOGY	221500	\$15,750.00
TECHNOLOGY	295000	\$114,180.84
FACILITIES	255000	\$128,500
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	256000	\$85,741.90
CENTRAL SERVICES	260000	\$4000.00
INSURANCE AND JUDGEMENTS	270000	\$55,140.00
OTHER PUPIL SERVICES	219000	\$386,989.23
TOTAL		\$6,271,618.31